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International Bureau Satellite Division Information:
Second Round Ka-Band Licensee Compliance with Construction
Implementation Milestone and Surrender of License

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In August 2001, the International Bureau authorized 11 entities to launch and operate geostationary satellite systems that would provide fixed-satellite service in portions of the Ka-band. These authorizations were granted as part of the second Ka-band processing round. The licenses provide that failure to meet any of the implementation milestones will render the satellite authorizations null and void. The first implementation milestone requires the licensees to begin construction of their first satellite within one year of the grant of its authorization. To determine whether the licensees have complied with the construction commencement milestone, the Bureau requested that each licensee submit an executed copy of its construction contract, verifying that construction has commenced and that the satellite(s) will be built within the time frame specified in the license. Upon review of the contracts submitted, the Bureau concludes that the following Ka-band licensees have satisfied their construction commencement milestones:

Loral Cyberstar, Inc.

File Nos. 23-SAT-P/LA-96; 36-SAT-AMEND-98; 24-SAT-P/LA-96; 37-SAT-AMEND-98
IBFS Nos. SAT-LOA-19951109-00185; SAT-AMD-19971222-00216; SAT-LOA-19951109-00186;
SAT-AMD-19971222-00204
Call Signs S2218, S2219

KaStarCom. World Satellite, LLC¹

File Nos. 101-SAT-P/LA-98; 101-SAT-P/LA-98
IBFS Nos. SAT-LOA-19980312-00018/19; SAT-AMD-20010607-0050
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¹ KaStarCom's license included the use of inter-satellite links (ISL's) in 1000 MHz of spectrum in the 69.0-70.0 GHz band. KaStarCom's authorization to use ISL's was rendered null and void in a recently released order. *See* KaStarCom. World Satellite, LLC, *Memorandum Opinion and Order*, DA 03-3428 (rel. Oct. 27, 2003).

In addition, KaStarCom. World Satellite, LLC, surrendered its license for the 73° W.L. orbital location.² This location is now available for assignment.

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² Letter to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, from David M. Brown, dated September 9, 2003.